

# SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.

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## HERE AND YONDER.

In adjoining counties candidates for county office have been announcing for months. But "the party" here seems to have "cold feet." It seems that they are not being "urged by their friends" to any alarming extent. It now seems that the old gang will have little or no opposition in the primaries and, with the possible exception of a county judge or two, the Democratic voters will be given the same old dose that they have been allowed so long and patiently—and paid for so dearly. But there are signs that there are few left but "leaders" in the old parties. The followers have taken to the woods.

Rev. Swope arrived Thursday of last week and has been holding a meeting at the court house. The attendance has been very good. In addition to the regular program, W. H. Stubbfield, president of the Young Men's Association, Lambert, vice-president of the Benton bank, addressed the congregation Sunday afternoon. The ruling class always turn on the steam on religion during campaign years. So long as the preachers tell the masses only about the sweet-by-and-bye, and keep mum on rent, interest and profit, as referred to in the 25th chapter of Leviticus and the 13th chapter of James, the capitalists won't mind.

Look out! There's another "plot" on. This time the plot is positive. The "plotters" were caught red-handed. It will be remembered that Chairman Finch, of the Republican party, drove up to the residence of R. M. Termination, which is located next to the Kicker office. I did not see him. But the Democrats got out thousands of extras and circulars telling the people about the plot between the Republicans and Socialists. Saturday Chairman Finch actually entered the Kicker office. But there is material for another Wild West story.

At Cape Girardeau the Normal students started out one night to "paint the town." They became very noisy and were arrested by the police. At the trial the police judge held that "the evidence of the officers could not be considered, except as corroborative," and turned the boys loose. Do you believe that the same "law" would work if the offenders had been farmer boys instead of sons of the rich?

L. S. Lee, of Sandywoods township, was here Tuesday and reported two new cases of smallpox at Blodgett—Mr. and Mrs. Dell Sweeney. Where is the wisdom of holding a protracted meeting here to attract visitors when smallpox is all over the country and we are free of it? When we used to read of smallpox at Memphis we quarantined.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bisher and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gosche, of New Hamburg, were here Saturday. Mr. Gosche bought Mr. Bisher's forty acres and they were here making the transfer. Mr. Bisher will move to New Hamburg.

J. Banks of Oran was in Benton Monday evening and said he had a good day at his spring opening sale Saturday, and that he was still shoveling out the goods. He said he continued until Saturday March 26.

"Lemmons school, which was closed on account of smallpox will re-open Monday, March 21. If no new cases develop in the neighborhood," writes J. W. Moore.

Subscribe for the only Kicker—the paper that tells it straight. Jasper Trotter, a former sheriff of Scott county, died at the home of his son, Oscar, in Dexter, on the 14th, aged 64 years. Gailston was the trouble.

Joe Pfeffercorn, of New Hamburg, was here Wednesday and said they were making preparations for the farmers' meet in April.

T. C. Bryant of Crowder, and S. W. Davis, of Commerce, were in Benton Monday.

Marion Hargrove of Cairo came over Tuesday to visit his niece Mrs. Phil A. Hafner.

Cassie Hunt, candidate for city marshal at Chaffee, was in Benton Friday.

Miss Clara Smith attended the W. C. T. U. meeting at Jackson last week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris Monday.

Wm. Y. Prince, of Commerce, was a visitor here Friday.

W. T. Wilson, of Morley, was in Benton Tuesday.

Wayne county has seventy-one school districts.

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HE GOT A LETTER.

Gustav Hilleman, of Commerce township got a letter from a congressman—and still he is not happy. He thought that a congressman ought to be able to write an intelligent letter—and was disappointed. He doesn't seem to understand that the average congressman is the man who is of least benefit to a community and can best be spared from it. Mr. Hilleman wrote congressman Lloyd, of Missouri, concerning the charges against Judge Grosscup, enclosing clippings from the Appeal to Reason and asking that he urge congress to investigate. Honorable Lloyd answered as follows:

"My dear sir—I received your favor of Feb. 20 and read the clippings enclosed. If the editor is correct in what he states, the condition is such as to need a remedy. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAN BE DONE TO CHANGE THE SITUATION. It is easier sometimes to see an evil than it is to overcome it."

To me Mr. Hilleman writes: "Notice what the little boy says."

Don't you think that he needs improvement himself?"

Well, I don't know about that. Mr. Lloyd is just like the average congressman—draws his pay and sends out garden seeds. He is the only kind the people want in congress. They wouldn't vote for any other kind. At any rate, they haven't been doing it.

However, Mr. Lloyd is very frank in his admission that he does not know what to do. A man drawing \$7,500 and trimmings per year, ought to know. But it is a fact that I can start out from Benton, in any direction, pick up 500 hundred farmers as I come to them, and they will be more capable of conducting the affairs of government in the interest of the people than the big bunch of politicians now at the national capital. And yet we are told that we must elect "smart men"—lawyers!—men who know what it is to accept a "fee."

## A WORD TO FARMERS.

The farmers should not neglect the meeting of their county union at New Hamburg the second Tuesday in April. Every union should be represented and great care should be taken in selecting only farmers as delegates. And by a farmer I mean a man who hoes-plows. The union is honey-combed with politicians and men who farm the farmers, and that is what is the matter with it today.

But there are the strongest signs that the farmers are beginning to see this. All over the county they are making efforts to "come again"—and from reports received at this office, they are succeeding. And when you get an organization of farmers only, you will have something you can handle without friction, and become a power to be reckoned with.

As separate individuals you amount to nothing, either industrially or politically, but united you are the hole show. Get together.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

During the past two months a great many subscribers have changed locations. In making the changes on the mailing list it is impossible not to make some mistakes. In ordering your paper changed don't forget to mention your former postoffice as

well as your new one. If you fail to get your paper promptly, drop me a card and I will see what is wrong.

Last week I noticed the name of Irvin Myers on the Kelo list. I believed it to be a mistake and changed it to Sikeston. If I failed to guess right, Mr. Myers will please write me. Mr. Myers will please write me to Sikeston as I have moved. But he fails to sign his name. Such cases are not infrequent—and then the subscriber often blames the paper or the postmaster.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Kicker is proud of its army of correspondents and will try to help them render even better service. Most of you wait until the last day and then put down just what happens to come into your mind. Let me give you a better plan.

After you have mailed your letter for this week, have your letter handy and make a note of all happenings each day as they occur. Then see what an interesting batch you will have for the next week.

Don't say "Mr. Jones," or "Mr. Smith." Always use the given name, and write names PLAINLY. Never mind about neighbors on adjoining farms visiting, but if the neighbors visit in another community, or people from another community visit in your locality, that is news.

In recognition of the \$50,000 that Dick Kerens exploited from labor and contributed to the Republican campaign fund, President Taft appointed him Ambassador to Austria. On the eve of the departure to take his soft job Arch-Bishop Glennon, on Thursday evening of last week, gave an extensive dinner in honor of Mr. Kerens. Among the invited guests were Dr. R. Francis, W. J. Kinsella, Theo. Papin, Louis Brinkworth, John Scullin, Festus J. Wade, Dan Nugent, and other St. Louis millionaires. There were no clod-hoppers nor hood-carriers at that banquet. And yet some people wonder why the big churchmen oppose Socialism—the hope of the working class. On the very next day after the banquet Francis and Scullin two of the guests, were arrested on charges of dodging taxes.

## CAN'T KEEP IT OUT.

A. C. Hervey, of Althelmer, Arkansas a clipping from the Memphis News-Scimitar and writes "They just can't keep the subject out of their sheets." The article appeared under the caption of "Making Socialists." "There comes a time in the slow maturing of human events when all that is needed to crystallize the results of a century's advance toward the ultimate goal of human progress, is the crowning weight of some event or man. Generally it is but a slight thing that precipitates the avalanche which sweeps away all former theories and disproves the contention that there is nothing new under the sun."

"For centuries visionary reformers have pleaded for the tenets of socialism. They have endured much to force their theories upon an unready world. We are not advancing this much-misunderstood doctrine—we are simply watching and waiting. Our business is to record facts. But out of the mass of events recently recorded there stand some very significant facts."

"The concentration of the money power of this country into the hands of a tiny clique in New York preside a strange condition of affairs. No set of men in the world are so opposed to the doctrines of Socialism as are the money kings of Wall street, and there is today no set of men who are doing more to advance those same doctrines by their acts. It seems absurd to say that the dark ages—commercially speaking—are upon us once more. Yet what other construction can be put upon the announced and uncontradicted statement—that Pierpont Morgan and his ring of intimates have the financial resources of this country in the hollow of their hands? They can make war or end it, send the price of the actual necessities of life to famine figures to feed their overfed pocketbooks, jockey the stock markets, raise and lower wages, and dictate when it pleases them, the conduct of the government's internal and foreign affairs."

"On the other hand, there are signs that the despised muckraker has done his work well. The people are waking up to lots of things they would have never known but for him. The muckraker is a socialist mad; practical by common sense and hard knocks. He has shown the people what is doing behind the swinging doors of private offices of the money barons and kings, and you can't fool them much longer. "A few years ago doctors believed that pus in a wound was a sign of health. Today the doctor who allows pus to form is disgraced. A few years ago people bowed down to the "superior genius for organization" of men like Morgan and Rockefeller. Another day is coming, when the selfishness that made Morgan and Rockefeller what they are will be regarded as moral pus in the body politic and will be cleaned out with a moral antiseptic."

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## THREE OF A KIND.

"A certain writer has said that no newspaper which took the truth for its standard would make a pecuniary success. The press might return the compliment by remarking that no minister who told the truth about his congregation, alive or dead, would occupy the pulpit much longer than one Sunday afterwards. The press and clergy go hand in hand with the whitewash brush, rosy spectacles magnifying little virtues and kindly throwing little deformities into oblivion. The pulpit, the pen and the gravestone are partners in saintmaking."

## LEFT-OVER MATERIAL.

Barbara, aged four, has always been allowed to make small cakes out of the scraps of dough left from the morning's baking, so one morning after being sent to gather the eggs, she came running in with a very tiny one, and exclaimed: "Oh, mama! see this little egg. It must be that's all the dough the hen had left."

## HAVE YOU HEARD

That E. L. Grant is now ready to take all kinds of photographs? He has just purchased an 8x10 camera and a good supply of material and says: "I am now prepared to make any size picture from a stamp to an 8x10 at low prices. If you are thinking of having your picture taken give him a call. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED or money refunded. For further information call on or write to E. L. Grant, Robertson Building, Benton, Mo."

## PUBLIC SALE.

Tuesday, March 29, at my place 1 1-2 miles northeast of New Hamburg, on the New Hamburg and Kelo road, I will sell two mules, 3 young horses age one, two and three years, a cow, two calves, five brood sows with pigs, nine shoats, a mowder, wheat drill, corn drill, cultivator, section harrow, three 2-horse plows, 3 corn plows, wagon, buggy, 200 bushels corn, 22 bushels blue peas, household and kitchen furniture and many other articles.

TERMS—\$5 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 8 months will be given, purchaser giving 7 percent note with approved security. No interest will be charged if promptly paid at maturity. MARTIN FISHER.

## BUSINESS LOCALS.

There will be an opening sale of Ladies' Hats Saturday, March 26. Over 150 trimmed hats to select from. Come early.

J. R. Congleton, Morley, Mo.

Farm for sale.—360 acres—240 acres in cultivation. As good land as can be found in Scott county. The part in cultivation never overflows. Will sell all or in such parts as suit the buyer. Price \$35 and \$40 per acre if taken soon. Terms reasonable. Subscribe for the Kicker.

J. H. Brannan, Vanduser, Mo. For Sale—Improved and unimproved farms near Oran, Chaffee, New Hamburg, Blodgett and Diehlstadt at prices ranging from \$25 to \$45 per acre. Also business and residence property in Oran, Vanduser, Commerce and Diehlstadt. D. H. Harper, Oran.

Taken up—At my place, about five miles southwest of Blodgett, on St. John's Lake, one mile west of Claypool schoolhouse, a black heifer about two years old, under bit and split in right ear and swallow fork in left, with horns about six inches long. Owner can have same by paying charges 17-21 W. W. Ginger, Blodgett.

For Sale—My farm of 50 acres 1 1-2 miles east of Benton. Good house and good water. Charles Vogt, Benton, Mo.

If you have farm or town property for sale, place it with me.

22 D. H. Harper, Oran, Mo.

For Sale—My farm adjoining Kelo on the west. 72 acres, all in cultivation. A 7-room house with cellar, cistern and good out buildings and good barn. John

Blattel, Kelo, Mo. 17-4t For Sale.—A fine black Jack with white points, 15 1-2 hands high, well built, no blemishes and a good breeder. My reason for selling is because I have left the farm. Will sell for cash or on time, or will trade for work stock 10-11 J. H. Brannan, Vanduser. The largest assortment of ladies' hats ever in Morley at J. R. Congleton's.

## J. R. Romine & Co.

FORNELT, MO.,

Grocers and Butchers.

Will pay cash market price for Cattle, Hogs, Chickens, Eggs and Butter. Come and see us.

HECTOR, NO. 1639.

Is a black Jack with white points, six years old, 15 1-2 hands high, standard measure, and was sired by Warren, Jr. His dam was Big May. The German Coach Horse.



WINGALE, No. 2651.

Is a dark bay stallion, 16 1-2 hands high, eight years old and weighs 1,450 pounds. Sired by Asco, No. 1357; he by Geo. No. 1274; he by Emma, No. 1735, etc. Dam, Wartburg, No. 10,000, who by Warin, No. 1165, by Emigrant, No. 925, etc.

Hector and Wingale will stand during the season of 1910 at my barn, one mile west of Commerce known as the Gailther place.

TERMS—Either animal to insure living colt, \$125.00. Money due as soon as the fact is ascertained or mare traded, sold or removed from the county. Care will be taken to prevent accident but will not be responsible should any occur.

BLDGGETT COACH HORSE CO.

174t S. W. DAVIS, Keeper.

# FOLLOW THE CROWD

## To the GREAT EASTER SALE that is Now Attracting the Multitude to BANKS' SAVING STORE, AT ORAN,

Now Going on, and will continue until Saturday, March 26, at 11:30 P. M.

With the intention of having our Spring Opening in our new building we bought an immense Stock of Spring Merchandise, but the weather has been so bad that workmen could not work and we have not been able to erect the new building. We were unfortunate in this, hence this mammoth stock, bought directly from the great eastern markets, must be sold at a great sacrifice. We are compelled to give up our present building, and have no place to store these goods. Therefore we use the Big Knife to CUT PRICES for 8 days to 1, 2, 3, or any price that will clear out the goods. Don't miss this rare opportunity!

# \$40,000 Worth High-Grade Merchandise to Select From

These goods are to be distributed among the homes of Scott and adjoining counties. Nothing reserved. Every article in the house marked down for quick selling. It behooves the wise to be timely. While space forbids quoting prices on all things, yet here are some of the remarkably low prices we offer:



## CLOTHING.

We handle the famous L. G. & K. S. & Son Clothing of New York and Cincinnati. This is one of the greatest lines produced in the union. Here is your chance to get a fine suit of clothes, made up to date, in all styles, colors

and patterns, and be dressed for the Easter Holidays at half value. Come on boys, let's get a suit. Fourteen hundred men's suits will go at these very low prices—

\$24.00 suits, serge, blue, gray, brown, London smoke etc., at this great Easter sale only \$13.48

\$22.00 mens' suits at only \$12.48

16.00 mens' suits at only 9.98

12.00 mens' suits at only 7.48

10.00 mens' suits at only 5.48

A great line of mens' oiled coats and vests reduced one-half.

A nobby line of youths' suits will be sold at 60 cents on the dollar.

## BOYS & CHILDRENS CLOTHING

Eight hundred boys' and childrens' knickerbocker suits, made up with fancy lapels and cuffs, will be sold at any price. It will pay the mothers to bring their sons and have them dressed up for a little money.

Boys' \$8.00 knickerbocker suits, reduced to only \$4.48.

Boys' \$6.50 knickerbocker suits, reduced to only \$3.98.

Boys' \$5.00 knickerbocker suits, reduced to only \$2.98.

Boys' \$3.50 knickerbocker suits, reduced to only \$1.98.

Boys' \$2.50 knickerbocker suits, reduced to only \$1.48.

Also a big line of childrens' Buster Brown suits at bargain prices.

Buster Brown suits worth \$5.00, reduced to only \$2.98.

Buster Brown suits worth \$3.50, reduced to only \$1.98.

Buster Brown suits worth \$2.50 reduced to only \$1.48. A big line of boys' and childrens' knickerbocker and straight pants will be sold at any price during this great Easter Sale.

## MENS' PANTS.

Eighteen hundred pairs of mens' pants, all colors and styles, black, brown, blue, gray, etc., made up with side buckles, belt straps, peg top, welt seams, and cuffs on bottom, will be reduced—think of it—80 cents on the dollar.

A big line of Mens' and boys' hats, all colors, shapes and styles, will be sold at 65c on the dollar.

## SHOES! SHOES!

We handle the famous Hamilton Brown Shoes for men boys and children. Also a complete line of ladies and misses shoes, all made up in the Blucher style, in patent leather, viola, gun metal, box calf, etc., will be sold at a reduction of 25 cents on the dollar during this GREAT EASTER SALE.

A full line of Oxfords, in mens' boys, ladies and misses, will be sold at a great reduction.

## GROCERIES.

Extra Headlight Coal Oil worth 15 cents per gallon, now only 9c.

Extra good coffee will be sold 7 pounds for \$1.00.

50 cases of American Star soap, best on earth, 7 bars for \$2.50.

Golden Axle Grease, per box \$1.00.

Golden Axle Grease, 3lb bucket worth 25 cents reduced to 15c.

Twenty-five New Home Sewing

Machines will be sold during this sale at \$15.98. These machines are of the best quality and retail at \$25.00 everywhere.

## MENS' FURNISHING GOODS.

150 dozen mens' work shirts worth 50c to 75c, now each .38c.

100 dozen mens' work shirts worth 60c to 75c, now, each .37c.

Shirts for Sunday wear worth \$1.50 reduced to .70c.

Shirts with soft collars, pongee worth \$1.25, now only .70c.

Mens' good blue overalls, now during this Easter Sale, .42c.

Mens' extra heavy socks, worth 10c per pair reduced to .6c.

Mens' superfine Sunday socks worth 25c per pair, now .13c.

Mens' good Sunday socks, all colors, worth 10 cents and 15 cts. go at this sale at only .7c.

Mens' fine hem-stitched handkerchiefs worth 10c only .4c.

Mens' red handkerchiefs for .3c.

Mens' good suspenders for .14c.

## NOTION AND HOSIERY DEPT.

Ladies' good black hose, pair, 7c.

Ladies' good black hose worth 25 cents reduced to only .17c.

Childrens' hose, all sizes, worth 10 cents per pair, now only .6c.

The famous bear skin hose for children, worth 25c, now, .12c.

## DRY GOODS DEPT.

Twenty-two hundred yards fine dress goods—panamas, mohairs, brilliants, voiles, etc., of all shades and colors, fully worth \$1.50 per yard, at this great Easter sale, per yard only .80c.

1,400 yards of fine dress goods, blue, black brown etc., all color and shades, stripes and checks, worth 75c to \$1.00 per yard. .40c.

A great line of dress goods, all colors, worth 50c, only, per yard during this great Easter sale, 20c.

A nice line of dress gingham, worth 15 c per yard, cut to .8c.

## LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT.

A word to the ladies of Scott County—we handle the biggest line of ladies ready to wear goods in town. Think of it! 500 ladies' skirts to select from, in black, tan, blue, gray, etc., in fact all colors imaginable, made of Chiffon, Panama, Voile, Mohair, Brilliance, etc., with the latest trimmings on them. These will be sold at the great Easter sale. Here say our chance to get a nice skirt for a very little money.

\$18.00 Skirts, all colors, at \$10.48

\$15.00 Skirts, all colors, at 9.48

\$12.00 Skirts, all colors, at 7.48

\$10.00 Skirts, all colors, at 5.48

\$ 8.00 Skirts, all colors, at 4.98

\$ 5.00 Skirts, all colors, at 2.98

Ladies' petticoats, in heather-blones, satteens, etc., will be sold at your own price.

The greatest line of waists to select from is found right here—made up to date, in the latest of patterns and designs, will be sacrificed at 65 cents on the dollar.

Five thousand yards of embroidery and lace will be sold at half value.

Straw ticking worth 12 1-2c per yard now only . 8 1-2c

## WASH GOODS DEPT.

1,200 yards of all kinds of waist goods, fancy, worth 40c to 50c per yard now only .22c.

A big assortment of wash dress goods, brown, purple and white, will be sold at half value.

A big line of Shengtai silk colors assorted, worth 75c per yard, at this great Easter sale .39c.

Good unbleached domestic worth 12c per yard only .8c.

Good bleached domestic worth 12c to 15c per yard, only .8 1-2c.

Feather ticking worth 35c per yard now only .19c.

Good toweling at per yard .4c.

## LADIES' MISSES AND CHILDRENS' HATS.

We have just received a complete line of ready-to-wear Ladies and Misses and Childrens' hats. They will be included in this great sacrifice sale and marked down for a quick selling price. By buying of us you can save one-half value. They are of the latest designs.

22c